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Final Drive on "Hot Cargo" Petitions

With less than a week left to obtain the required number of signatures for the referendum petitions to keep "Slave Bill 877" from becoming a California statute, the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor appeals to all its affiliates and to friends of the labor movement to double their efforts and assure victory for the campaign. A statement issued from the office of the Federation in relation to the present drive follows:

Militant Opposition

"Not only is it urgent that we get more signatures, but the unions must respond with greater financial support in order to overcome the militant opposition of the employers that has grown alarmingly as the deadline has approached.

"From all indications the enemies of labor are resorting to any measure that will create obstacles to obtaining signatures and filing them properly. Reports have poured in from many sections of the State of petition circulators being attacked, petitions taken away and destroyed, and of plans to interfere

with the filing of the petitions through court action.

"At no time before has it been so extremely urgent that the organized labor movement meet this attack by doubling and tripling its present efforts and vigilance. The Federation executive council is not overlooking any eventuality, but to meet whatever may occur it is depending upon the support of its affiliates—morally, physically and financially.

"Carloads of propaganda are being turned out by various behind-the-scene employers' organizations to discredit our endeavors to get enough signatures to our petitions. Even after that is accomplished, the big fight to follow up our initial victory by putting over the referendum in the 1942 election will be contested by these organizations just as bitterly, if not more so.

"The executive council calls upon all members of organized labor to answer this challenge to free trade unionism by winding up our campaign with a tremendous drive that will shatter the enthusiasm of our enemies. All hands to the wheel!"

Picketing As Construed By North Bay Farmers

The San Francisco supply of milk from Marin, Napa and Sonoma counties was interfered with temporarily, when farmers of these counties picketed the transport trucks from San Francisco early this week and prevented other farmers from loading any milk on these trucks.

Spokesmen for the farmers profess to abhor the use of picket lines, yet it was noticeable that many of the farmers utterly disregarded existing contracts with the city distributors in their eagerness to make use of this visible protest against existing conditions.

However, the inconsistency of their actions was shown by the fact that their principal effort was directed against farmers who have signed a negotiated contract with the Milkers' Union, and the distributors in the city who have had no part in the controversy except that of the "innocent bystander" who suffered from the irresponsible disregard of contracts.

Several of the producers insisted upon delivering their milk in accordance with their contracts, and consequently incurred the displeasure of their less level-headed neighbors.

Responsible labor officials declare that, contrary to published reports, the possibility of a milk shortage will not come about through any labor trouble but will result from the deliberate and unwarranted actions of the producers if they continue to pursue the tactics which were in evidence during the first few days of the trouble.

It was hoped that some amicable settlement would come from a meeting of representatives of the producers, distributors and the involved unions, which was held in the Petaluma hotel in Petaluma yesterday (Thursday).

JEWELRY WORKERS' WAGE

A 40-cent hourly minimum wage for workers in the jewelry industry, designed to abolish home work except for handicapped persons, has been approved by the U. S. wage-and-hour division. The minimum will increase the wage rate of about 11,500 of the 35,000 persons employed in the industry, when it becomes effective November 1, officials said.

Sign the "Hot Cargo" Referendum Petition!

Contest in C.I.O. Auto Union

Walter P. Reuther, executive board member of the United Automobile Workers (C.I.O.) and co-leader with Richard Frankensteen of the anti-Communist faction of the U.A.W., announced Wednesday that his group would sponsor a candidate to oppose George F. Addes for re-election as secretary-treasurer of the union.

Reuther's announcement followed a victorious drive by the Frankensteen-Reuther group for creation of a special three-man committee to go to Milwaukee and there conduct a special election of Allis-Chalmers delegates to the U.A.W. convention in session at Buffalo this week.

The originally elected delegates from Allis-Chalmers were denied seats because of their allegedly having been chosen through "power politics," and caused one of the early contests in the convention.

Frankensteen was sent to southern California at the time of the recent strike in the aviation plant at Inglewood in attempt to have the members of his organization return to work before the troops were sent in, but in which move he was unsuccessful.

Labor Day Committees Holding Weekly Sessions

The Joint Labor Day Committee will hold another meeting tomorrow (Saturday) evening in the Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets.

Unions are again reminded that the uniform committee is meeting each Monday evening in Room 300 of the Labor Temple, and that the float committee is in session each Tuesday evening at the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero street. Each of these committees offers its service in advising organizations which intend to enter the parade with those attractive features.

Unions desiring to engage bands should immediately contact the Musicians' Union and make their desires known. The prices for bands will be found in the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Committee, which appear in another column of this issue.

Get busy with your union for an "all out" showing of labor's numerical strength in the parade.

National Mediation Board Recommends Closed Shop For Concern in Illinois

The National Defense Mediation Board has made public a recommendation that the Western Cartridge Company of East Alton, Ill., require continued membership in the Chemical Workers' Union of the A.F.L. as a condition of employment for 550 workers in its smokeless powder division.

The recommendation for "a maintenance of membership" clause in the Western Cartridge Company case was by unanimous vote of a panel consisting of Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr., representing the public; Roger D. Lapham, representing employers, and Edward J. Brown, representing employees. Mr. Lapham said in a separate statement that he believed that "unless parties voluntarily agree to such a clause, the board ought ordinarily not to recommend it."

Notes Attitude of Company

In the Western Cartridge case, classed as one of the most difficult to come before the Board, the panel made it plain that its recommendation that the union should receive a security clause was predicated on the company's attitude during the negotiations before the Board.

"In the hearings before this Board, the company showed what at best must be described as a complete unfamiliarity with the realities of collective bargaining," the Board panel said. "Either by accident or by design, the management resorted to practices which undermined the confidence of others sitting at the same table with them.

Union Members Merit Protection

"If the management's tactics were not deliberately dilatory they at any rate gave that impression. A workman might reasonably conclude that the companies did not want and were going to try to eliminate this union's members. Against this fear, based upon the recent record, the union members are, we believe, entitled in this case to be protected."

Noting that the Western Cartridge Company recently granted a 5 per cent wage increase to all workers except those represented by the A.F.L. union, the Mediation Board recommended that the company immediately grant a 5 per cent wage increase to all smokeless powder division workers, and that demands of the union for greater increases should be submitted to arbitration.

Plan Post-War Employment

John M. Carmody, federal works administrator, has appointed thirty-two state directors of a public work reserve, planned for starting when the defense program is finished. The task of the state directors is to have the program ready for operation when the time comes.

The aim of the organization will be to have a "national shelf of public works projects" built up and ready to start to absorb the economic shock which the country will experience in a transition from war to peacetime production. An announcement of the program said:

"All types of projects for capital improvements will be included, among them conservation work of all kinds, schools, sewerage and water supply facilities, streets, roads and bridges, public buildings, parks and state institutions and hospitals, as well as larger, long-range undertakings."

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Ex-Communist Tells Aims Of Party in Labor Unions

Rena M. Vale, who said she was a former member of the Communist party, testified in Los Angeles last week before the state legislative committee investigating un-American activities and told of the inside workings of the party, as follows:

1. The names of persons who, she said, attended meetings of the "Los Angeles County Cultural Commission," where "we would discuss at some length the work to be done in the various 'fractions' of the labor movement."

"Members At Large"

2. Testimony that prominent persons who "could not carry on their profession if they were known communists—such as big-salaried Hollywood movie stars—could become members at large," in which status not even the general membership of the party knew they were members.

3. Assertions that the party had a system whereby a member could withdraw from the party for a day or an hour—while testifying on a witness stand—so he could rationalize to himself his statements that he was not a member of the Communist party.

The witness, who is secretary to the legislative fact-finding committee, said the "ultimate aim of the Communist party fractions" in labor unions "was to capture the union for the Communist party."

"Ignorant of the Workings"

Asked if the communist members of a labor group always proposed their own members as union officers, she said:

"No, sometimes we supported other persons whom we knew we could control. That was done particularly in reactionary unions where the membership would not stand for a known communist. In other unions, where the membership was ignorant of the workings of the Communist party, we sometimes attempted to elect our own officers."

Attended Classes

Miss Vale testified she joined the Communist party in the fall of 1936 and left it in 1938. She said she attended classes for new members of the party in 1936 and that she was assigned as a member of the Los Angeles County Cultural Commission in March, 1938.

She further declared the communists had even "planted" the wife of the communist county committee secretary in the big Los Angeles musicians' union and succeeded in getting her elected as a delegate to an A.F.L. state convention a few months after she had become a member of the union.

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LOCAL FIRMS LOW BIDDERS

Two San Francisco construction companies—the Guy F. Atkinson and W. E. Kier concerns—submitted a joint low bid of \$2,736,623 to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation for the construction of Keswick Dam, a unit of the Central Valley project, nine miles downstream from Shasta Dam.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL WAITRESSES

New agreements providing wage increases for waitresses have been signed with fifteen St. Louis downtown hotels, it is announced by Ethel Taylor, president of the Waitresses' Union. Increases of 70 cents to \$1 a week were obtained at the hotels, and increases of as much as \$4 a week for ninety girls and women employed at the restaurant counters in Woolworth 5-and-10-cent stores. Cooks, bartenders and waiters employed in the hotels—all members of other A.F.L. unions—also obtained increases. The wage scales of about 5000 other hotel employees were increased in contracts signed recently.

Haggerty on Defense Committee

C. J. Haggerty, president of the California State Federation of Labor, was among those in this area invited by President Roosevelt to become a member of the volunteer committee in the Office of Civilian Defense, which is headed by Mayor LaGuardia of New York City. Following his acceptance, Haggerty attended a meeting of the committee held in Washington. Others in this territory invited to membership on the committee were Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt of Mills College, Oakland; Helen Gahagan, screen actress; Raymond W. Gill of Portland, and Mrs. John Boettger, daughter of President Roosevelt, Seattle.

Request to Send in Funds Collected for British Labor

With the aim of making a substantial contribution at the earliest possible time to the working people of Great Britain, Matthew Woll, national chairman of the Aid British Labor Committee, has appealed to all Aid British Labor Committees, state and city central labor bodies and international and local unions to send in at once to the national office whatever money they have collected to date.

"The campaign is now in full swing and the committee's efforts are bearing fruit in donations and pledges from all parts of the country," Woll said. "However, we have been informed that in many instances groups making collections are holding what funds they have raised until the drive is completed.

"We would prefer that help to our British brothers and sisters should not be delayed one moment longer than necessary. Therefore I am appealing to all committees and unions to forward to us immediately the money they have on hand. They will be given full credit for their total contribution when the campaign is concluded."

Success was reported in cities where Tag Day solicitations were made for aid to British labor. Kansas City reported \$2000 raised by this method, Atlanta reached \$623.30 (bringing that city's total contributions to \$1481.30), and Phoenix collected \$188.56, later augmented by \$82 donated by local unions.



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No Agreement Reached in Restaurant Controversy

The sixty-seven San Francisco restaurants which through influence exercised by the Employers' Council forced their employees to cease work five weeks ago, have remained closed throughout the past week. According to figures given out by an Employers' Council spokesman, \$17,422 worth of business daily has been going from the closed restaurants to those eating places which remain open—which latter number well over 2000, and hence are providing ample accommodations to the community. Federal Conciliator Andrew J. Gallagher has been active throughout the week in conferring with the disputants, in efforts to have them reach a common and concrete basis for formal negotiations—and for his activities Gallagher is entitled to highest praise.

Proposed by Mayor

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi again made formal request to the employers and the unions to resume conferences. In his letter making the request the Mayor said, in part:

"Judging from press reports, the principal issue between the parties is no longer one of a master contract, but that of wages. If so, it should be a simple matter to settle this issue by arbitration without further unnecessary inconvenience to the public and tremendous damage to the city, both from loss of business and loss of wages."

In replying to Mayor Rossi's request the Employers' Council stated it was willing to immediately open the sixty-seven closed restaurants which it represents and have "all issues upon which the parties have not yet reached agreement referred to arbitration."

Reply by Unions

The union representatives in answering the Mayor's letter, termed the Employers' Council's offer "just another obstruction" to reopening of the closed restaurants.

"The Council states they are prepared to arbitrate all issues. Your letter refers only to the issue of wages," union officials wrote, and saying further:

"This means the Employers' Council wants to arbitrate not only on the closed 'A' and 'B' restaurants or the wage issue, but all new matters created by them such as the dairy lunches, cafeterias and tea-rooms, and whether we should give up existing contracts before we begin negotiations."

The employers' offer did not say what wages workers would receive while the arbitration was carried on.

The two groups were scheduled to again meet yesterday morning.

Hospitality House Opening

The San Francisco Hospitality House will be officially opened tomorrow (Saturday) evening, with an entertainment program in which a number of Hollywood stars will participate, and other feature acts will be presented. Prominent state, city and military officials will be in attendance.

The show will be staged twice—once for ticket holders among enlisted men in the armed forces of the nation, and second for everybody who can find seats or is willing to stand in the Civic Center.

The Hospitality House has been erected for the comfort and convenience of soldiers, sailors and marines when visiting the city. Members of the local building trades unions donated their time and skill in the erection of the building, and representatives of these organizations will participate in tomorrow evening's gala event.



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Strike Vote Ordered by Railway Workers' Unions

Chiefs of the fourteen non-operating railroad unions last Tuesday authorized a strike vote among their 850,000 members after the carriers rejected demands for pay increases.

Bert M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, and George M. Harrison, head of the clerks' organization, announced that ballots would be sent to the members immediately and estimated that the result of the poll would be known in a week.

Unions' Procedure

The action was made known four hours after representatives of railroad management stated they would be unable to meet the wage proposal of the fourteen non-operating and five operating unions.

Representatives of the operating unions, embracing 350,000 members, conferred on their future course after the carriers had also turned down their demands for raises.

Mediation Board Provided

Following sanctioning of a strike by the unions, and the deadlock remaining between the unions and the carriers, the services of the U. S. board provided for in the Railway Labor Act would be called for, which through various steps would delay for perhaps three months the final calling of a strike.

A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, registered a protest at a previous wage conference between the five Brotherhood unions and the carriers, when he strenuously objected to the action of the western railroads in flooding the small-town and agricultural newspapers with paid advertisements. Whitney charged that such propaganda, designed to prejudice the public, was uncalled for and entirely out of order—that wage negotiations should be conducted within the framework of the Railway Labor Act. In substance Whitney said:

Brotherhood Official's Protest

"We came to Chicago with the definite understanding that we might sit down at the conference table to discuss the issues in an atmosphere of mutual frankness and fairness.

"It was our understanding that the carriers would approach the conference with the same intent. The railroad employees still wish to present their case, for increased rates of pay, within the framework of the Railway Labor Act. We see no reason why this controversy cannot be settled without disturbing the peace or without trying to prejudice the public and the press with paid propaganda dealing in a one-sided presentation of the case.

"Nevertheless, from many sources there has come to my attention definite evidence—which I have here—that the railroads are brazenly trying to prejudice the public and the press by exploiting the small town and agricultural newspapers, through paid advertising, protesting their employees' proposal for an increase in pay.

"We protest that this action on the part of the railroads, even in advance of the time that we met in conference, is not in the spirit in which we should approach the solution of our controversy. The continuance of this paid propaganda might well prove to be harmful to its authors and to the interests which they serve.

"Certainly, experience has demonstrated, particu-

larly in the public utility field, that the public will not be taken in by this sort of propaganda, for people generally resent such action.

"This sort of thing is entirely out of order when employees discuss with their employers such an important matter as a wage adjustment."

BUILDING TRADES OFFICERS

Alexander Watchman was re-elected president of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council last week, receiving 123 votes to 102 cast for Dan del Carlo. For vice-president, Dewey L. Mead was given 125 votes against 99 cast for Charles J. Foehn. Re-elected without opposition were: Jason D. Brown, secretary; Joseph Ault, financial secretary; and James E. Ricketts and John H. Smith, business agents. Members of the law and legislative committee will be: Robert Leiser, Joseph A. Murphy, Frank Nixon, John L. Spalding and Thomas Tarpey; board of trustees, James B. Gallagher, Norman Bott, Daniel Cavanagh, Harry Madden, and Reed Stoney.

Court Award to School Board

The old Lincoln Grammar School property, estimated to be worth \$5,000,000—said to be San Francisco's most valuable parcel of real estate—belongs to the San Francisco Unified School District rather than to the city, Superior Judge McKeage has ruled.

Suit to determine ownership of the property was brought by the school district, represented by the Board of Education, against the city and county, on the insistence of the latter.

The Board of Education has been receiving approximately \$200,000 a year in rentals from the various tenants occupying the property, which extends from the Emporium to Fifth street and south to the alley.

"Hot Cargo" Meeting

Secretary Vandeleur of the California State Federation of Labor has called a special meeting of secretaries of central labor councils and building and construction trades councils and editors of labor papers for next Sunday, August 10, at 10 a. m. The meeting will be held at the San Francisco Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth street, and is called for the purpose of hearing reports on the circulation, signing and filing of the referendum petitions on the "hot cargo" bill, and making arrangements for prosecuting the work in the final days of the drive. All petitions must be notarized and filed by August 22, and Federation officials are keeping the closest possible check on the progress being made, but have deemed it advisable to call the Sunday meeting in order to have the latest returns and give any further aid and advice in those areas where such might be beneficial. They are asking that no let-up be made in the drive for signatures—no matter how many may have thus far been secured.

A.F.L. Executive Council Holding Summer Meeting

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which opened its summer meeting in Chicago last Monday, will devote its session primarily to the formulation of policies to aid and promote the national defense program.

At this meeting, the council will draw up its report and recommendations to the forthcoming annual convention of the A.F.L. which will be held in Seattle, beginning October 6.

The council convened in Chicago for the first time in many years to join in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first local union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners in that city. The session is expected to occupy two weeks' time.

On Monday the council expressed opposition to reappointment of Edwin S. Smith as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Smith's term expires August 27. A statement by the council to the press declared:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has made a thorough investigation of Mr. Smith's record, and finds him unfit to remain in office. The record shows that Mr. Smith has been largely responsible for the bias, unfairness and prejudice which until recently characterized many of the Labor Board's decisions and permeated its administrative setup."

FREE SYMPHONY CONCERTS

A free municipal symphony concert will be presented in the Civic Auditorium next Tuesday evening, August 12, by the Northern California W.P.A. Symphony, conducted by Nathan Abas. Louis Kaufman will appear as soloist in the Beethoven Violin Concerto. This concert marks the first of two to be presented by the W.P.A. Symphony in the Civic Auditorium during August. The second one will be offered on August 26.

Board Bars Color Line

On the ground that the "public policy of the state frowns upon discrimination or differentiation based upon race, color, creed or religion," the New York Labor Relations Board has rejected a union petition for an election among "non-Oriental" employees of a Chinese-American restaurant.

The Board held that the petition, filed by Bartenders and Restaurant Employees No. 386, did not argue that the line of cleavage should be drawn along the lines of functional difference or collective bargaining experience, but solely on the basis of differentiation between Oriental and non-Oriental workers. "The Board will not be a party to establishing a bargaining unit based solely upon racial distinctions," the decision said.

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Examining the Roll-Call

"Those Democrats who are interested in the future of their party should examine the roll-call vote in the House on the Connally-May anti-union amendments to the Selective Service Act. Practically every vote cast in favor of shackling labor was recorded by a Democrat, generally from the South.

"Is it necessary to remind Democrats that the spectacular victories they have achieved in the last ten or twelve years have been made possible by the marvelous support they have received from the industrial workers of the nation? Mr. Roosevelt would not now be in the White House if labor in the cities had not stood by him when other groups grew cool or ran away.

"Nevertheless, we find many Democrats in Congress waging war on labor unions and clamoring for restrictions so drastic that even 'Old Guard' Republicans can not stomach them. Are these reactionary Democrats more interested in the applause of 'sweat shop' bosses 'back home' than they are in the future success of their party?"—*Labor*.

The above editorial from the organ of the standard railway labor organizations brings forward a subject that has not passed unobserved by others in the labor movement in noting the line-up in Congress on labor and other vital measures. The Democratic party is in control of the executive branch, and of both houses of Congress. It also controls each of the committees in the two houses, from which committees must emanate legislation, that has a chance of adoption, on any subject—labor or otherwise.

The majority vote which finally sanctions legislation cannot be accepted always as a criterion for judging the merits of a political party, in that, in the case of labor, its friends in all parties will often unite on such voting. If labor is being harassed constantly by proposed adverse legislation it has a perfect right to consider the individual, and his party connection, who makes such proposals.

It should be remembered that due to long-continued ascendancy of the Democratic party in the Southern States—where they "vote 'er straight"—the representatives from that section have, through the workings of seniority, attained to many "key" positions on congressional committees. And labor knows, to its sorrow, the general attitude of the South in regard to progressive legislation and wage and working conditions.

Clinging to labor's time-tested and safe guiding principle, "Reward Our Friends—Defeat Our Enemies," but viewing for the moment the strictly political angle, playing no favorites, and always remembering labor's friends in the now dominant party—even some outstanding examples among southern representatives—the subject is worthy of note. A political party campaign is in the making for next year. It may prove enlightening, at least, for members of union

labor in the meantime to observe in the news dispatches from Washington the acts of congressmen and the particular sections and political party which they represent. And that goes also for state legislators.

Priority Employment

Priority orders that precipitately throw civilian workers out of jobs are a serious matter and the American Federation of Labor is doing a public service by turning the spotlight on them and by urging that everything possible be done to avoid them.

To avoid unemployment-making orders requires careful planning, something in which Government defense officials have as yet shown no outstanding ability.

In cases where priority orders deprive men of work, the A.F.L. is telling the Government it should train workers thus displaced for other jobs and pay them wages during the training period. Let us, also, says the A.F.L., have less building of plants without regard to labor supply and pay more attention to bringing the job to the towns and cities where workers already have homes. Both these suggestions seem eminently sensible.

The American Federation of Labor is only asking that the workers be given a fair deal, and not made to bear the chief burden in priority action. Principles which should guide the Government in the matter were well stated by Harriet Elliott of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, who said:

"We are not committed to indiscriminate sacrifice regardless of necessity or cost. To defend our democracy we must strengthen, not undermine it, in the defense process. For this, we must not call upon our people to make unnecessary sacrifices—sacrifices which could be avoided by careful planning or the setting aside of certain private advantages."

"We tend to rise or fall together. If any set of us goes down the whole nation sags a little. If any of us raise ourselves a little, then by just so much the nation as a whole is raised."—Theodore Roosevelt.

Secretary of Labor Perkins has finally landed one—a female of the species. News dispatches state that the Secretary has dismissed a woman economist from the Labor Department on the grounds that she had impaired her usefulness to the Government by participating in the American Peace Mobilization, which the Cabinet officer termed "an instrument of the Communist party." The dismissed employee held a \$3200-a-year post in the bureau of labor statistics.

"Some editorial writers, radio commentators and congressmen, long on fancy and short on common sense, have taken the figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the number of man-hours lost because of strikes, and from them computed the number of battleships or airplanes that might have been built if this time had not been lost by these workers. Thus they add up the hours lost because of a coal miners' strike and tell us the answer is minus two battleships. Coal miners, as any schoolboy knows, cannot make battleships or airplanes. It is manifestly unfair to indict the labor movement by such statistical distortions."—George Q. Lynch, president, Pattern Makers' League.

ATTENTION OF MR. ICKES

The British ignored *en masse* an urgent government request to stay at home last week-end—the August bank holiday week-end—so that gasoline could be saved and railroads could be kept clear for important freight and coal traffic vital to Britain's war effort.

By the thousands they were reported in news dispatches to have poured out of populous centers everywhere to spend three days in the traditional peacetime manner at country and seaside resorts, defying the Government, despite the possibility they might be stranded out of town, since the rail companies were under no obligations to run return services and nothing is allowed to hold up passage of goods.

Comment on World Events

International Labor News Service

Switzerland's calm and courageous attitude in the face of great danger from without was recently the subject of favorable comment in this column, which pointed out that the little country's stand was undoubtedly largely due to her organized workers, who from the first have voiced their determination to defend their country to the utmost.

Though the Swiss unions have been passing through difficult times since the outbreak of the war, and for years before, because of the world-wide depression, they have maintained their strength remarkably well. Reports show that unions affiliated with the central organization had an aggregate membership of 212,602 at the end of 1940, a decrease of 4.7 per cent compared with the previous year. But despite the consequences of war and mobilization, membership was 10 per cent higher than in the crisis year of 1930.

Building and woodworkers' unions were hardest hit, on account of the sharp decline in building activity. Only minor losses were suffered by the metal and watchworkers' unions, railwaymen, commercial and transport workers, employees of the public services and other unions.

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Preparations for defense have not put all the unemployed in Switzerland to work, any more than they have in the United States. With industry working full time and with a great demand for labor in farming, the number of persons wholly unemployed was 7853. The labor movement points out that it would be erroneous to conclude from this that unemployment had as good as disappeared.

No fewer than 9500 men who would otherwise be unemployed, were occupied on emergency work, on the building of mountain roads, in the Labor Service, or in training courses. At the end of March there were 8542 men employed in labor and civilian watching squads; and 4881 men above the present call-up age groups are performing voluntary military service.

This makes a total of some 23,000 men (a good sized number in Switzerland) who are not required by normal economic activity, while no account whatever has been made of the much larger number who have been called up for national defense.

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Polish resistance to the German conquerors still persists, the American Friends of Polish Democracy reports. The organization, with headquarters in New York, says that the Germans know that the Polish workers form one of the main centers of resistance and that they are trying to wear down the workers by hunger and terror. "All attempts at resistance are smothered with utter ruthlessness," says the account, which continues:

"In July, 1940, a strike broke out in the Warsaw pumping and filtering station, the workers demanding a raise in their starvation wages. The Gestapo at once intervened and liquidated the strike by armed force in a few hours. In December, 1940, the tramway workers of Warsaw struck on a demand for advances on wages due them. 'S.S.' detachments, armed with machine guns, entered the tram depots and forced the immediate resumption of work under threat of opening fire.

"Despite fierce oppression, starvation and misery, the Polish workers have not given up the struggle against the invader. In the words of a secret manifesto issued by workers in Warsaw, in this struggle they are encouraged by the 'vision of an independent Poland which will sweep away the slavery and transform the country into the Motherland of Freedom.'"

"We endeavor to prevent strikes, but there are some conditions far worse than strikes, and among them is a demoralized, degraded and debased manhood."—Samuel Gompers.

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Urges Program to Extend Social Security Coverage

An eight-point program for liberalizing the Social Security Act to provide for health insurance and to abandon the 50-50 matching of federal and state funds was recommended by Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer, of the Social Security Board.

Asserting that the national defense program had created many new problems of insecurity, Mr. Altmeyer told a House committee studying worker migration that it was "more essential now than ever" to make progress in social security.

Liberalization in Britain

Mr. Altmeyer said that when the defense program arose some said there was no need for further advancement of social gains. Then he remarked that under similar circumstances Great Britain had liberalized and extended its social security program and added: "That is what Britain has done when Britain was up against bombs."

"We have made a good beginning in our social security program but that is not enough. We still do not have any social insurance program covering the risk to ill health. The method of social insurance can be applied to the problems of health just as it already has been applied in the case of unemployment, old age and death."

Recalling that some persons had expressed concern that health security might lead to "socialized medicine," Mr. Altmeyer said:

"Views on Socialized Medicine"

"'Socialized medicine' is something to which I am opposed if that phrase means a system which destroys the personal relationship between the patient and his doctor. . . . The present trouble about free choice of a doctor is that so many people have neither a choice nor a doctor."

He said that the present plan of having the federal government match state contributions for public assistance had worked a hardship on some of the less wealthy states. He proposed that the percentage of total expenditures in each state which the federal government bears should vary according to the state's "economic capacity."

Basis for Computation

The board would use Commerce Department figures of per capita income as a basis for computing federal contributions. After the hearing he told newspaper men that such a scheme might conceivably permit the federal government to contribute \$3,000,000 and a state \$1,000,000. Under the existing plan each would contribute \$1,000,000.

"Such a change," he said, "would do much to aid the poorer states and to extend more adequate benefits to a larger number of needy people, particularly if continued migration of younger and more productive workers in response to defense employment opportunities has the effect of reducing the base of tax support for matching grants in the poorer agricultural states."

Extension Proposals

The six other recommendations Mr. Altmeyer made:

Extension of unemployment insurance to maritime workers and employees of small firms.

Special treatment for workers who temporarily leave employment covered by the insurance system, obtain federal civil service jobs and lose their insurance credits.

Payments to individuals who become permanently and totally disabled.

Extension of social insurance to agricultural workers.

Liberalization of residence requirements for public assistance.

A system of federal grants, to be matched by states, for general public assistance.

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SAVE THOSE STOCKING RUNS!

Girls, the *Knit Goods Weekly* suggests you contribute those discarded silk stockings full of runs, snags and holes to the Government now that the raw silk supply is shut off from Japan. They could be reclaimed, the paper says, by backwinding or raveling, then re-knit into powder bags. Silk is the only material which burns completely with the explosion of the powder charge in a gun.

3 TO 1 AGAINST C.I.O. TIE-UP

By a vote of 1530 to 472, members of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers declared against affiliation with the C.I.O. National Maritime Union, and to remain independent. The balloting took place over a period of 60 days. The organization has a membership of 4500, but a statement issued by the officials said that prevailing sentiment was registered in the voting, the balance of the membership being reported as aboard ships at sea.

LIFE SPAN EXTENDED

Nearly 13 years have been added to the average life of white persons in the United States since the turn of the century, according to the Bureau of the Census. It reported that the average span of life is now 62.5 years, an increase of 3.3 in the last decade. Women account for the larger part of the extension of the life span. They not only live longer, but their expectancy has been extended a year more than that of men.

To San Mateo Union Members

All union members residing in San Mateo County who have not yet signed the "hot cargo" referendum petitions should immediately contact Charles Bently, at the Labor Council, 711 "B" street, San Mateo (phone 2326), following which every effort will be made to make the petition available for signature.

President McCallister of the San Mateo Labor Council is stressing the urgent need for the action here requested, and asks co-operation on the part of union members and their friends in that county.

Remember that it is compulsory, in order to validate a signature, that the person signing a petition use the address from which he or she is registered as a voter and *sign the petition circulated in that county*—no matter where you may be working.

Advice on "Hot Cargo" Referendum Petitions

Because of some confusion regarding the handling of the "Hot Cargo" referendum petitions and the danger of having many signatures disqualified as a result of not following the required procedure, the necessary steps to follow in order to guarantee the validity of all signatures are outlined as follows:

1. All those circulating petitions must have voted in the last State primary election or general election in the county where he or she is now soliciting signatures. Do not circulate petitions outside of your counties.

2. All voters must be registered from address he or she signs on petition.

3. All petitions must be returned, after swearing to the affidavit, to the place where they were obtained.

4. All signatures must be made with indelible pencil or in ink.

5. All central labor councils, building trades councils and other authorized distributing agencies of the petitions will be held responsible for proper filing.

6. Circulators of petitions are cautioned to observe and follow the instructions printed on the back of each petition. This will assure the utmost efficiency and the saving of all signatures obtained.

In China there is only one motor vehicle for every 23,000 persons.

President of Railroad Makes Reply to Inquiry

The quoted statement below is by I. B. Tigrett, president of the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad. It appeared recently on the front page of the *Rebel Route News*, official organ of the railroad company. The statement was headed, "Mr. Tigrett Answers Important Question," and reads as follows:

"An inquiry from an employee has cheered me. It comes from a young man who works for one of our related companies. He states in effect that he is being urged by a general chairman to join a railroad union; that he wants to do the helpful thing for all concerned, but that he places foremost his obligation to those who are responsible for his having a job—and what should he do about it?"

"My advice to him or to any other employee connected with this railroad, or any subsidiary of the railroad, is to join without hesitation any organization which he is convinced will help to secure or to insure fair treatment for himself and for others."

"It should be deemed an honor to belong to a labor union which is used as a means to procure justice for its members and, also, justice for all others concerned. A dispute has two parties; a settlement is not fair unless it is fair to both sides."

"Labor organizations can do much, not only in obtaining benefits for their own membership but also in aiding employers and the public through the just settlement of disputes."

"If I should be permitted to voice a suggestion I would implore our employees to take a continuing and an abiding interest in the organization after joining—to the end that fair and able men may be chosen as representatives. It should be remembered that those who are selected will be regarded as expressing, while they are in office, the sentiment of every single member."

"Taken as a whole, I believe that the men and women who work for our company want to see the employer treated just as fairly as they expect to be treated. If that is true, they should take a keen part in seeing that their leaders represent their viewpoint."

"The stockholders who are making it possible for the employees to have jobs are entitled to consideration from the employees. Those who represent the employees and those who represent the stockholders rarely ever fail to reach an agreement if they attempt to observe the general principle of the Golden Rule."

"Fair contractual relations and a generous recognition of our moral obligation to each other make for a happy industrial family."

"Again do I express my appreciation for the attitude indicated in the letter which I have received. What I am saying in reply I am, without apology, making public. I think the question the young man has asked is a public question."

FACT, FABLE OR FANCY?

A delegation of Shriners recently visited San Quentin prison, and were addressed by Warden Duffy. Following the visit an issue of the prison weekly publication contained this item in the column, "Facts, Fables, Fancies—By J. S.": "One year ago next Monday, Clinton T. Duffy became warden of San Quentin, and Joseph H. Fletcher was named captain of the yard. Under the new administration have come many changes. The most important, perhaps, is the lifting of the morale of every inmate. We are reminded of the lad who listened to the stirring speech Warden Duffy made to the Shriners a couple of weeks ago. When, later on, he described the affair to some of his friends, he said: 'Boys, honest to God, when the warden got through talking I felt proud to be a convict in San Quentin!'"

Nearly 50,000,000 motor vehicles have paid more than \$20,000,000 to use the San Francisco-Oakland bridge since it was opened November 12, 1936.

A.F.L. Leaders Map Plans For Organizing Campaign

The American Federation of Labor has launched a new, nation-wide organizing campaign.

More than 200 organizers from every part of the country met, last week, in the A.F.L. building in Washington to map plans for the drive which will seek to unionize unorganized workers in all industries. Among the fields where special efforts will be directed are aviation, shipyards, chemical plants, rubber and textiles.

At the opening of the session, President William Green in a keynote talk stressed the importance of labor co-operation with the Government in maintaining uninterrupted production in defense industries.

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany told the organizers that in building new unions they must teach new members discipline and employ negotiation, conciliation and mediation before taking strike action. He explained how federal agencies such as the National Labor Relations Board and the National Defense Mediation Board can help to avoid strikes.

Frank Fenton, A.F.L. organizational director, emphasized the need of co-ordinating the organizational drive with the efforts of more than 200 organizers employed by national and international unions. He also pledged that the central labor unions in each of the large cities would aid in the organizing drive.

Substantial gains of new members were reported from every section. The total A.F.L. membership is now at the highest point in its history.

Suggestion to Union Officials

Information resulting from experience with the "hot cargo" referendum petitions has revealed that records of union memberships as to the number of registered voters are of little practical value.

This lack of information is not only working a hardship in the present campaign, but it does not afford an opportunity to estimate the voting strength of our affiliates.

The executive council of the State Federation of Labor wishes to recommend and urge all of the unions to check their memberships to determine the number of registered voters. The best procedure to follow in order to obtain satisfactory results would be to check with the individual member when he or she pays dues to the organization, Federation officials point out. A record could easily be compiled in this manner.

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SLOAN'S PREDICTION

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board of General Motors, this week predicted that "there will be no new model cars after 1942." In Los Angeles on a vacation trip, Sloan declared that to make new models involved tooling and new machinery, and that all new machinery must come from the Government. "We couldn't make new cars if we wanted to," he added.

DECREASE IN LOCAL JOBLESS

The national defense program has resulted in a 50 per cent reduction in the past year of the number of persons on the active file of the San Francisco office of the State Department of Employment. The file, which in July, 1940, numbered 81,343, now contains but 42,521 names. Last month 3203 persons were placed in employment through the office.

HURLING AND FOOTBALL MATCHES

Next Sunday afternoon, August 10, at Kezar Stadium, will occur the Gaelic intersectional football and hurling matches between teams from southern California and San Francisco. The program will start at 2 o'clock. A patriotic review of various fraternal, veteran and civic organizations will be one of the features. Admission will be 50 cents, with student body cards accepted at 25 cents. A special train carrying the southern group will arrive at the Third and Townsend station at 8:15 tomorrow morning. Visitors will make their headquarters at the Whitcomb Hotel.

Swift Co. Is Unfair to Chicago Printing Trades

The organization committee of Chicago Printing Trades Unions announces that Swift & Company, packers, have been placed on its "We Don't Patronize" list. According to the committee the firm has its monthly publication, *Swift Merchandiser*, printed by the union-hating R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company (Lakeside Press), Chicago, against whom a nationwide campaign is now in progress. Swift & Company also operate a private non-union printing plant at the Chicago stockyards.

The unions request that members and friends of organized labor refrain from patronizing Swift & Company products until such time as the firm unionizes its printing plant and removes the *Swift Merchandiser* from the anti-union Donnelley concern to a union office. They are also urged to write Swift & Company, 4115 S. Packers Ave., Chicago, Ill., and advise the firm as to the action they have taken and the reason why.

The Chicago printing trades unions are also conducting a nation-wide campaign against the Donnelley-printed *Time* and *Life* magazines. Members and friends of organized labor are likewise urged to refrain from patronizing *Time* and *Life*, and to give preference to union-printed magazines.

Court Sustains Unions in Picketing Case at Fresno

The right of peaceful picketing in California was again upheld when the Fourth District Court of Appeal, on July 18, reversed a judgment of the superior court in Fresno county which had enjoined Culinary Workers' Union No. 62 from picketing the premises of Chrisman's Pharmacy in Fresno.

The Court of Appeal in its decision stated: "It is now settled in California that peaceful picketing is lawful and may not be enjoined even though there is no dispute over conditions of employment between an employer and his employees." Citing a number of cases, the court went on to say: "They establish the interpretation of the law on peaceful picketing in California which must be followed by all inferior courts."

The action in the case was submitted by Clarence E. Todd, State Federation of Labor attorney, after the judgment by the lower court was filed February 24, 1938. The complaint against the union had been filed on August 15, 1937, and tried on October 18, 1937, two years before the decision by the Supreme Court which was cited in the appeal court's decision.

This action marks another blow against the open-shop interests of the State in their efforts to establish a dictatorship and deprive labor of its most fundamental rights.

Federation of Teachers

By GRACE YOUNG, Secretary

The advisory council of Local 61 will meet at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Grace Young, 22 Gough street, on Monday afternoon, August 11, from 3:30 to 5:30. These meetings are open to all members of the local, for their purpose is to be a clearing house for ideas and questions of policy and procedure and thus save needless discussion of non-essentials on the floor at regular meetings.

Several of our members have been out of the city all summer, taking advanced courses at middle west and eastern universities. They will return to their posts with minds refreshed and quickened by contacts with other teachers, whose different methods and backgrounds will prevent those who attended such summer courses getting into a rut or becoming mere machines, dosing out education like prescriptions.

Lillian Creisler Shames, former financial secretary of Local 61, plans to resume her teaching this fall, after having spent most of the past year in preparation for the birth of her little daughter in April, and the care of Theresa during her first, all-important months.

George C. Jones, teacher at Horace Mann, and chairman of our resolutions committee, proudly announces that he is a grandfather, a nine-pound boy having been born to his son and daughter-in-law in July.

Vacation trips to national parks and relatives in distant cities, and concentrated gardening, have occupied most of our members. President Cleary and a few others have been teaching, as part of the defense program of education, all through the summer.

The fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen, Danish author, have been translated into thirty-five languages.

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Joint Labor Day Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held Saturday Evening, August 2, 1941

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. by Vice-Chairman Alexander Watchman.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

A communication was received from Street Carmen, Division 1004, requesting that the carmen be placed in the first division of the Labor Day parade.

Credentials were received from the following organizations: Blacksmiths and Helpers No. 168, for W. J. McGrath; Boot and Shoe Workers No. 216, for Martin J. Killalee, Thomas Bamford and John Ricketts; Pile Drivers No. 34, for J. T. Wagner, Joseph Willis, Lee E. Waggoner, R. J. Corbin, Harvey Howard and Charles A. Clancy; Construction and General Laborers No. 261, for E. Schweida, P. Hoffman, F. Miller, L. Simmons and F. Bock; Bill Posters and Billers No. 44, for S. W. Flaherty, H. Dane, Frank Burley, Charles Evans and Peter Hawkins.

Reports of committees were as follows: The uniform committee reported that they would meet every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Room 300 of the Labor Temple; all information in regard to uniforms may be obtained by calling Market 6313. James T. Ricketts, chairman of the float committee, reported on their progress; he announced that the committee would meet every Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the offices of the Building Trades Council, at 200 Guerrero street; he also requested all organizations considering the building of floats to please contact him.

Chairman Daniel Del Carlo of the visiting committee submitted his resignation, and William McCabe of Bartenders No. 41 was named as his successor. The following were added to the visiting committee: Jack Fleming, Circular Distributors BB-11; Frances Hendricks, Waitresses No. 48, and Harry Madden, Electricians No. 6.

The name of Herbert G. King, Street Carmen, Division 1004, was added to those on the ball committee.

Brother Sapiro of Musicians' Union No. 6 reported for the music committee, and requested that all organizations desiring musicians to please contact Brother Eddie Love, chairman; his telephone is Prospect 8118. The following rates for bands were announced: Twenty pieces, \$132; 25 pieces, \$165; 30 pieces, \$198.

Reports of organizations were as follows: Construction and General Laborers No. 261, will have two bands. Circular Distributors BB-11, will parade. Auto Mechanics No. 1305, will parade. Pile Drivers No. 34, will parade with two floats and a band. Boot and Shoe Workers No. 216, will vote on participation in the parade Monday night, August 4. Grocery Clerks No. 648, will decide Thursday evening, August 7, at their meeting to be held in Moose Hall. Sign and Pictorial Painters No. 510, will parade. Fruit and Vegetable Clerks No. 1017, will vote next Wednesday evening.

A motion was made that local unions be given the privilege of hiring busses for their aged members. An amendment was made that this matter be referred to the officers of the committee for consideration and that a report be given at the next meeting of the Labor Day Committee on Saturday evening, August 9. Amendment adopted.

A motion was made that Governor Culbert L. Olson be invited to be one of the speakers at the

Labor Day celebration. An amendment was offered that this matter be held in abeyance until the return of Brother O'Connell. Amendment adopted.

A discussion was had in regard to the flags furnished by the A.B.C. Flag Company. Brother Thomas Rotell of the Union Label Section reported that he would make an investigation and bring in a report next Saturday night, August 9.

Brother James Ricketts made an announcement regarding the opening of the Hospitality House. All delegates are invited to attend this opening on Saturday, August 9, after the meeting of the Labor Day Committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

JASON D. BROWN, Assistant Secretary,
Joint Labor Day Committee.

Rally Against Aggressor Nations

Adding its voice to the call for all-out American aid to nations and peoples resisting nazi aggression, the San Francisco chapter of the American Jewish Congress announces a public meeting to rally all people and organizations opposed to Hitlerism and fascism. The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. next Thursday, August 14, at Scottish Rite hall.

Those on the program include official representatives of England, Russia and the Free French colonies, Bishop Edward L. Parsons, and prominent members of the local Jewish community.

The panel of speakers will analyze the present world situation and survey plans and methods for speeding the victory of liberty-loving forces.

1000-to-1 Odds S. F. Is Safe from Bomb Raids

Lloyds of London is willing to risk odds of 1000 to 1 that San Francisco or any other large city in the U. S. won't be bombed.

Rates of \$1 per \$1000 were quoted this week by the British firm's agency here on "war bombardment insurance."

The policy covers "loss of and/or damage to the property insured, caused by war, bombardment, military or usurped power, or by hostile aircraft or friendly aircraft while engaged on active service during war-time, including bombs, shells, and/or missiles, dropped or thrown therefrom or discharged thereat, and fire and/or explosions directly caused by any of the foregoing whether originating on the premises insured or elsewhere."

The \$1 premium covers houses, apartments, hotels, banks and such buildings; on non-manufacturing commercial risks, it rises to \$1.50; on manufacturing risks excluding armament works, the rate is \$2 per \$1000.

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Arbitration Proposals in Greyhound Lines Dispute

Drivers and terminal employees of the Pacific Greyhound Lines in seven western States have voted 8 to 1 in favor of strike authority to union negotiators, according to announcements from headquarters of the union, which is affiliated with the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

A total of 1300 members participated in the voting, including 950 drivers in California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Texas and New Mexico. San Francisco-Marine County commuters would be affected by any interruption of transportation that might occur.

Both company and union spokesmen expressed a willingness to resort to immediate arbitration of points in dispute.

William J. Boyd, secretary of the Joint Council of Greyhound Employees, in announcing the result of the vote in a statement, said: "In order to avoid the necessity of carrying out this strike vote a letter has been transmitted to W. E. Travis, president of Greyhound, in which the union offered to settle by arbitration the matter of wages, hours and working conditions. . . ."

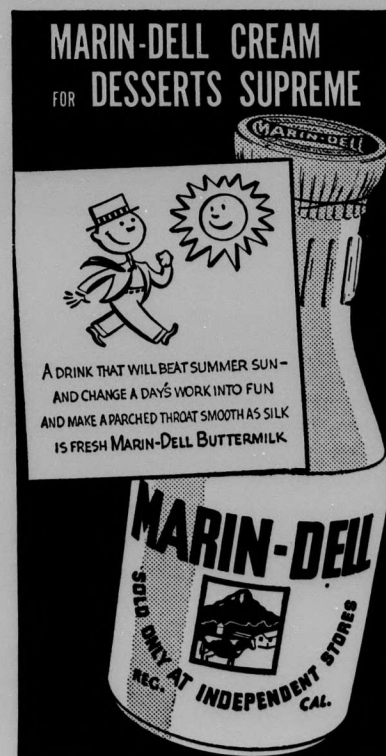
President Travis, speaking for the company, was thus quoted: "Our contract (which the company contends does not expire until December 31, 1941), requires that such disputes be settled by arbitration and the company now advises your committee that this should be done immediately so that the matter can be decided without delay."

The union and the company are in disagreement over the expiration date of the contract under which the employees have been working.

Secretary Boyd, speaking for the union, in the early part of the week, said that necessary strike sanction from the international headquarters of the Amalgamated had not been received but was pending before the international executive board.

STATE'S COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Plumas County fair will take place at Quincy, August 14-17. Stockton is the scene of the great San Joaquin County fair, where 150,000 are expected to be in attendance during the run from August 15 to 24. At Ferndale will be held the Humboldt County fair, the dates being August 12-17. Alameda will hold its annual dahlia show at the Union High School in that city on August 16 and 17.



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By FRED E. HOLDERBY

President of Typographical Union No. 21

Seattle Typographical Union has sent out invitations to all officers and delegates of No. 21 to be their guests from August 15 to 29 inclusive. No. 202 will occupy suites in the Benjamin Franklin hotel and all officers, delegates and visitors are cordially invited to enjoy the union's hospitality going to or coming from the Vancouver convention.

Chairman B. R. Lessard, of the Rotary-Colorprint, and wife returned last week from a three weeks' trip which took them to the Atlantic seaboard. Going from here to Detroit by train, they purchased a new car. A tour of eastern Canada was next in order, and down the coast to New York. On the return trip they visited with M. E. Van at the Union Printers' Home in Colorado Springs.

H. S. Wilson, of the Schwabacher-Frey chapel, and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in Mr. Wilson's home town, Livingston, Mont. Some time was spent also looking up old friends in Billings.

A. J. ("Andy") Ivaldi of Mackenzie & Harris will be missing for about 10 days. He refused to divulge what he had in mind in the way of vacation pleasure.

Foreman D. W. McAleese of the *Wall Street Journal* left this week for the East for a vacation, which will extend over two months.

Born to the wife of Albert J. Mendoza, of the Abbott-Brady chapel, on Thursday, July 22, a son. "Al" is looking forward to the time when he can teach young "Al" to be a fisherman like his dad.

L. N. ("Leo") Norris resumed his duties at Mackenzie & Harris after a contemplated trip to Utah. The heat units multiplied so rapidly it was necessary to seek refuge in Reno. Not being able to cool off in Reno—well, good old fog!

The condition of Irwin MacLeod, son of Secretary M. B. McLeod, who while at target practice with a friend was accidentally shot in the back on July 31, had not changed, at this writing, to any considerable degree. The .22 caliber bullet, which grazed the spine, remains lodged in his lung. The greatest fear is paralysis in his legs, although at last report he could move his toes, and it is hoped that when the swelling has been reduced he will regain control of his limbs.

Ralph M. Barnes of Mackenzie & Harris is taking his vacation this week, and used a couple of days to move.

The Los Angeles *Citizen* reports the death in that city of George A. Brocke, at the age of 76. A native of California, deceased was secretary-treasurer of Los Angeles Typographical Union from 1902 to 1904. He was well known to many old-timers. Death came as the result of a heart attack.

All of our delegates to the convention have left for Vancouver. Vic Myers left Tuesday, J. E. Whiting on Wednesday, and C. W. Lyon and E. M. Stone on Thursday. Thomas S. Black, who will attend as a visitor, will leave next Tuesday. "Tom" tells us this will be the twenty-eighth convention he has attended.

Gene Durr, of the Mackenzie & Harris chapel, when last heard from was heading for the Northwest, accompanied by the Missus. Gene says, "Tell the scale committee I expect to have a longer vacation next year."

John T. Douthit of Tucson Typographical Union visited at headquarters on Tuesday. Representing No. 465 as delegate to the I.T.U. convention, which opens August 16, Mr. Douthit stopped over on his way to Vancouver to confer with Delegate Lyon, they both being members of the laws committee.

"News" Chapel Notes—By L. L. Heagney

A referendum of Mutual Aid Society members gave 44 noes to 10 ayes on a proposition to pay sick benefits to those taken ill on paid vacation, and another, as to the last three days of a paid vacation being considered as fulfilling the elapsed time before benefits begin, also went down, 39 to 15. President Wiltie and Secretary Balthasar both state a belief

that the unusual amount of illness the past few months played a prominent part in defeat of the proposals.

"Business is rushing—right past the door," Carl Madsen remarked to Tommy Roberts when their "sits" were put back on the slipboard.

Returning from a vacation voyage to Alaska, Harry K. Orman, plant superintendent of the Sacramento state printing office, was Skipper Harry Crotty's house guest a few days and also foregathered with Harry Tate of the Mergenthaler Company and Herb Mather, News machinist.

Mrs. Margaret Donnelly, mother, and Mrs. Mamie Angell, sister, of the late Jim Donnelly were called here owing to an accident to Jim's brother, John, injured by an automobile. During their stay they were escorted to places of interest by Jay Palmer.

Monday, Vince Porrazzo departed for Cave Junction, Ore., on a visit to Johnny Dow, formerly attached to the News adroom. Streams are plentiful there, and they plan several fishing trips.

Writing to "Monty" Montarnal from Butte, C. V. Liggett, ex-News operator, says he has regained his health to an extent he scarcely thought possible and is working fairly steady. Business, he states, was good until recently and he had even annexed a situation, but the vacation period ended it.

Call-Bulletins—By "Hoot"

Victor McCarthy, makeup, is being congratulated on the arrival of the first daughter in the family. "Vic" now has one of each.

Chairman Myers has left for a month's vacation, during which he will visit Kansas City, and the Home at Colorado Springs. He will wind up the tour by attending the convention at Vancouver, to which he was elected a delegate.

Jess Newell, Al Todd and Walter Reigelhuth, all returned this week after two weeks' vacation—with pay.

One of the boys was exhibiting a picture of the "Professor" (Ramsey). The latter declined to say whether he had taken up the vocation of posing as a substitute for mining or printing, or whether the picture was taken while he wasn't looking. Probably the latter.

"Rabbi" Ludes, E. M. Stone and Joe Lange are vacationing this next two weeks. Stone is one of the two members of the chapel who were elected delegates to the I.T.U. convention at Vancouver.

Louie Reuben is taking quite an extended layoff. Probably looking up some of his old cronies in "Polk Gulch."

Golf News—By Joe W. Chaudet

"Ron" Cameron of the *Examiner* chapel is the new match play champion of the Union Printers' Golf Association. Battling back after being 4 down at the ninth hole, Cameron played a steady last nine to defeat Joe Chaudet by a 2-up margin. While Chaudet played all his golf on the front nine, Cameron saved his for the "home stretch," and came "bouncing back" to win six of the last nine holes played. Out in 43 strokes, Cameron was 4 down when the turn was reached, due to some fancy shooting by Chaudet, who had a 37 on the front side. While both players were well over "perfect figures," the match was interesting in that "good golf" was played over the entire eighteen holes, first by Chaudet and then Cameron.

The first nine was all Chaudet, as he played it in close to par figures, having just two bad holes, the sixth and ninth, when he three-putted both greens to wind up with bogeys on both holes, while Cameron was having trouble hitting his wood shots, and was getting into grief off the tees. The back nine was just opposite to the first side, and Chaudet proceeded to blow sky high and was all over the course, while Cameron was batting them down the middle and, with two exceptions, hit most of the greens and was getting his putts down for the "wins" that counted. Chaudet won the second with a par, Cameron the third with a 4, Chaudet the fourth with a par, the fifth with a birdie, the seventh with a par, and the eighth in regulation figures. Cameron started over the last nine with a par for a win on the tenth, a par for another win on the thirteenth, a bogey for a win on the fourteenth, won the fifteenth with a beautiful "blast shot" out of a trap, the seventeenth when Chaudet hooked a tee shot off the course, and the eighteenth with a par 4 when Chaudet's ball wound up in a geranium patch in front of the clubhouse, and he used up an "elegant sufficiency" in strokes to get back on the course.

Cameron succeeds R. C. Kimbrough, also of the *Examiner*, as the 1941 champion, and becomes the

proud possessor of the United Metals Trophy, emblematic of the annual match play championship. Also awarded by the Association to the champion is a "golfer's watch-charm," suitably engraved, and another award donated by the Association. The match was gallied by a goodly representation from the *Examiner* office, and several other "faithful" Association members. Excellent caddying jobs were turned in by R. C. Kimbrough and Emil Baffico, and to the galleryites the thanks of the Association for your attendance. Ably refereed by the Association prexy, "Cy" Stright, attired in an outfit that recently won for him the title of being one of San Francisco's "ten best dressed men," the annual match play finals of 1941 will pass into the golfing history written of the Union Printers' Golf Association. Medal scores: Cameron, 43-49; total, 82. Chaudet, 37-50; total, 87.

With just 16 days left until the date of the annual anniversary party, every Association member should be making plans to be present at the "yearly blow-out" of the Golf Association. Golf, swimming, riding, games, hole-in-one and putting contests, election of officers for 1941-1942, presentation of awards totaling \$100, the annual dinner—all are on tap for Ranch Hacienda on August 24. Dinner tickets at \$1.25 per plate may be purchased from: Larry Ullo, Emil Baffico, Ron Cameron, Al Teel, "Cy" Stright, Jess Conaway, "Steamer" Nicholson, Joe Chaudet, Fred Leach and Percy Crebassa. All dinner reservations must be made by August 18 to insure a "plate" for the annual dinner. Plan now to be at Rancho Hacienda on the 24th.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21—By Laura D. Moore

The executive committee will hold its first meeting since installation, on Tuesday evening, August 12, at the home of President Louise A. Abbott, 859 Castro street.

Past President Mable A. Skinner, delegate from S.F.W.A. to the national convention at Vancouver, will leave next Tuesday, at 7:40 a. m., and will arrive in Vancouver Wednesday night. She will spend two days visiting relatives before the convention starts. Mrs. Skinner is feeling fit and rested for the trip before her, having spent five days fishing, hiking and camping at Tahoe with Mr. Skinner. They encountered snow, frost, hail, and finally fine weather. The Alpine Camp furnishes outdoor stoves for each camp, and there they cooked their bacon and trout. Why say more? The membership wishes for Mrs. Skinner a safe and pleasant trip to Vancouver.

H. E. Callender and daughter, Miss Marion, returned last week from spending their vacation at Long Beach, Burbank and Los Angeles. Their main stop was with Mr. Callender's sister, Mrs. L. Kline, who lives at Burbank. Mrs. Kline's sons, Bud and David, drove up from Burbank, where they work in an airplane factory, and spent the week-end with the Callender family before going on to Tahoe.

Mrs. George Callaghan and two small daughters, wife and children of a naval officer stationed in Hawaii, arrived on the Mariposa Monday night, and spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting their long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Keylich, before going on to their home in Long Beach.

Mrs. Bertha Bailey and daughter Beverly, and Mrs. Bailey's sister, Mrs. Sol Michaels, will leave next Tuesday on the 8:15 a. m. Streamliner for Hollywood, to visit at the home of their brother, Abe Lefton, for the duration of Mr. Bailey's stay as a delegate from Mailers No. 18 to the international convention at Vancouver. Mr. Bailey will leave August 13 for Vancouver.

Mrs. Dave Anley is back in San Francisco after a week in the sunny, dry heat of the La Honda climate.

A new class in Red Cross First Aid will start soon after the first of September. Those who have registered will be notified by card of the exact date. Morning classes are held from 10 to 12 and evening classes from 7:30 to 9:30, Monday and Thursday, and Tuesday and Friday. There are now no Wednesday classes. The advanced courses follow the First Aid instruction. Instructors' classes follow the advanced courses. The only cost is the Red Cross textbook, 65 cents, and the 10-cent bandage each uses throughout the course. Red Cross First Aid course must precede the Motor Corps course. The Red Cross course comprises twenty hours of class work, with plenty of "home work" and outside reading. Applicants for Red Cross First Aid report to Red Cross volunteer service headquarters, 625 Sutter street (Graystone 9420). Details about the Motor Corps work will appear next week.

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PLUMAS COUNTY FETE SET

An Old-Timers' celebration and rodeo have been scheduled for Portola, Plumas county, next Sunday, August 10. The Portola fire department is the sponsor.

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"Iron Lung" for Hospital Will Be Gift of Union

The following article, in praise of a very thoughtful act on the part of a local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, appeared Thursday of last week in the Stockton *Daily Record*:

"Members of the Stockton Teamsters' Union proved today that the words 'charity and mercy' deserve to be imprinted alongside of 'good hours, wages and working conditions' on their coat of arms.

"As an expression of gratitude for the favors many of the unionists have received from time to time at the San Joaquin General Hospital, the membership voted unanimously last night to purchase and donate to the institution an iron lung for the treatment of juvenile victims of infantile paralysis and other ailments requiring respiratory aid.

Machine for Children

"After consultation with Dr. William Friedberger, superintendent of the hospital, teamster leaders agreed to follow his recommendation that a machine for children be provided. The institution already has an iron lung for the treatment of adults.

"W. J. Conboy, international representative; C. C. Allen, secretary-treasurer, and President Allen H. Bonnifield of the teamsters' organization laid the proposition before the general membership. It was immediately accepted without a dissenting vote.

"Conboy and Allen will consult an agent of a manufacturer of iron lungs at San Francisco in the near future. Only a machine fully approved by Dr. Friedberger will be purchased, Conboy said. The apparatus will cost between \$500 and \$1000.

"City Councilman Ray Robinson, a member of local organized labor for 19 years, has been selected by the union to make the formal presentation of the instrument of mercy to hospital attaches and members of the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors on its arrival. A councilman for the last six years, Robinson is a veteran member of the Carpenters' Union and foreman of the Alpine Mill and Lumber Company.

Union Deeply Grateful

"Members of the Teamsters' Union,' Conboy commented today, 'are deeply grateful to the Board of Supervisors, the citizens of San Joaquin county and the attendants at San Joaquin General Hospital for the splendid treatment a large number of our members have received at the hospital when they were ill and "down on their luck."

"We have been giving thought for a long time to something we might do to appropriately express our thanks. At Dr. Friedberger's suggestion we are happy to announce we have decided upon the purchase of an iron lung which we hope will be the means of saving the lives of many innocent child victims of this terrible affliction."

"Since Conboy was sent into this territory, three years ago, the Teamsters' Union has become one of the largest and most powerful units of organized labor in the county. In 1938 it had a membership of 400. Today, it has 1500 paid-up members listed on its roster, Allen reported."

Omission of Mailer Notes

Notes from the Mailers' Union are missing in this week's issue of the LABOR CLARION, due to the fact that Leroy C. Smith, the union's regular correspondent, decided to make a week-end visit with relatives in the northern part of the State, and sent word that his return home was at an hour that caused him to "miss the mail"—and this time the blame is not on the editors, printers, stereotypers or pressmen.

The A.F.L. Soap Workers' Union won a Labor Board election victory against a "company union" in the plant of the Colgate Palmolive Peat Company in South Bend, Ind.

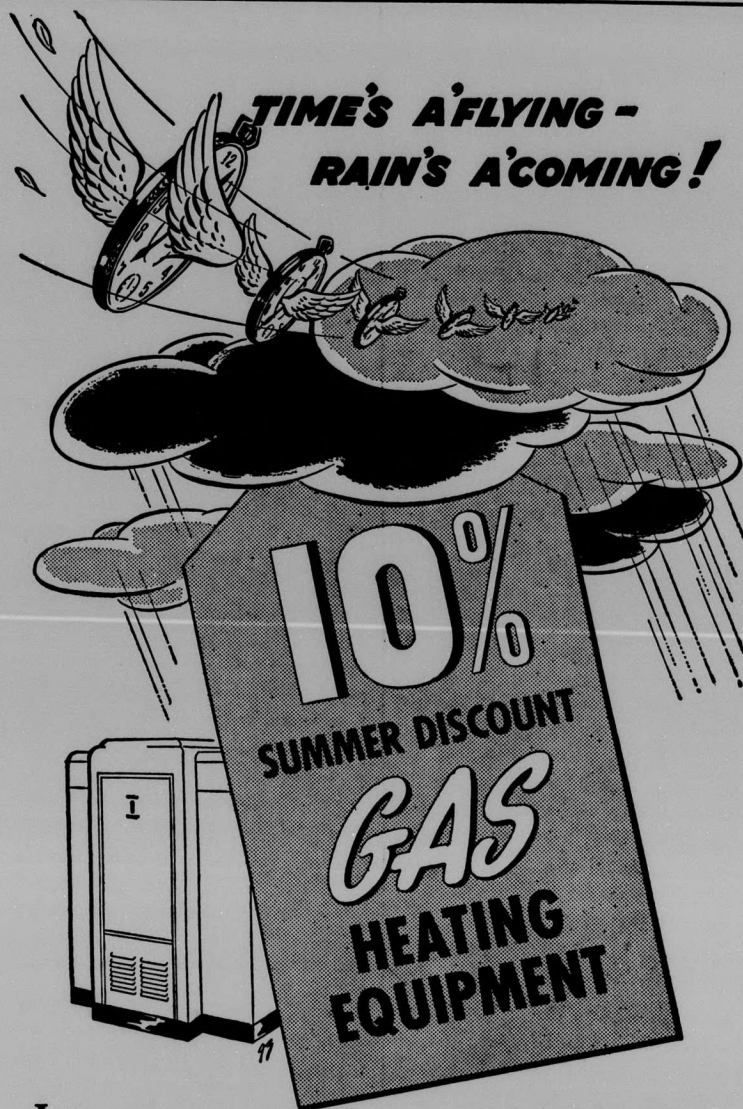
Increase for Navy Yard Workers

Wage increases for certain classes of workers at Mare Island and Bremerton navy yards will soon be put into effect, the Associated Press reported from Washington last Tuesday. The increases will be retroactive to August 4 and were adopted to make the navy yard standards conform, "as nearly as is consistent with the public interest" with wage levels in private yards, Ralph Bard, Acting Secretary of the Navy, said.

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Oakland Union Label Show

The Union Label League of Alameda County will present another program at its Union Label Exposition, 2343 Broadway, Oakland, tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock. There will be a travel talk by a retired commander of the British air force, entitled "Unreal Realities." Other pictures to be shown will be "This Amazing America" (in technicolor), the educational feature, "King Cotton," and a short comedy. Entertainment programs are given, free to the public, every Saturday evening at the Union Label Show, which is also open every day.



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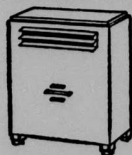
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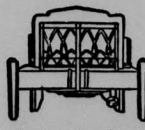
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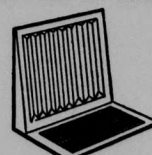
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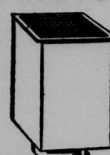
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S. F. Labor Council

The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 214. Labor Temple Headquarters phone MArket 6304. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday Evening, August 1, 1941

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Vice-President Haggerty; Delegate Armstrong, vice-president *pro tem*; George Johns, secretary *pro tem*.

Roll Call of Officers—President Shelley and Secretary O'Connell excused.

Reading of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

Credentials—Referred to the organizing committee.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday evening, August 1, 1941.) Called to order at 7 o'clock by Chairman Thomas A. Rotell. Members present were Sister Tuoto, Brothers Rotell, White, Cortesi, Ballerini, Bregante, Piccini and Schurba. The following delegates were examined and, after giving proof of citizenship, were found to have the necessary labels: Candy and Glaze Fruit Workers No. 158, Austin Tully. Construction and General Laborers No. 261, Harry Goldring. Miscellaneous Employees No. 110, Peter Algas. San Francisco and East Bay Steel, Die and Copperplate Engravers and Employees No. 424, Chester Sinclair. Scrap Iron and Metal Workers No. 965, A. J. Clark. Street Carmen, Division 518, William E. Carlisle. Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, Division 1225, W. J. Boyd. Delegates seated. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m.

Communications—Filed: Minutes of San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council. Weekly News Letter, dated August 5, from the California State Federation of Labor. From Boiler Makers No. 6, stating they are now entitled to an extra delegate and inclosing check covering dues for the third quarter of 1941. From Garage and Service Station Employees No. 665, inclosing check for \$500 to be used by the State Federation of Labor to

acquire sufficient signatures to place the "Hot Cargo Act" on a state-wide ballot; are also maintaining a headquarters at 106 Valencia street where all registered voters may conveniently sign this petition. From the United Service Organizations (Curtis D. Wilbur, chairman), stating that labor's contributions to its fund have been of the greatest benefit in bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion.

Donations: From Carpenters No. 483, inclosing check for \$50; also Automotive Machinists No. 1305, inclosing check for \$25 for the Agricultural and Citrus Workers' Strike Fund. Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen No. 30, inclosing check for \$15 for the Sacramento-Modesto Defense Fund. Automotive Machinists No. 1305, inclosing check for \$25 for the Montgomery-Ward Strike Fund. Elevator Operators and Starters No. 117, inclosing check for \$15 for the Howard Automobile Case Fund; they also have contributed \$25 to the United Service Organizations.

Bills were read and ordered paid, after being approved by the trustees.

Referred to the Executive Committee: Stove Mounters No. 65, inclosing copy of the wage increase they are asking for their members at the Wesix Electric Heater Company. Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250, stating that they are placing pickets at the Stanford-Lane hospital, Monday, August 4, to more effectively enforce the campaign against that institution. From Walter A. Weber, West Coast organizer, American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor, asking that each union, or council, make a substantial donation to help our brothers in England. Northern California District Council of Hod Carriers, Construction and General Laborers, asking assistance of the San Francisco Labor Council to negotiate a wage agreement for its members employed by the wrecking contractors of the City and County of San Francisco. Hotel and Apartment Clerks and Office Employees No. 283, notifying the Council of its change of name to "Hotel Service Workers' Union Local 283"; also that Roger P. Deeney is no longer a delegate to the Council. Bakers No. 24, asking strike sanction against the Waxman Bakery, Inc. Window Cleaners No. 44, asking strike sanction against Lazarus Optical Company, 715 Market street, and C. J. Tagliabue Manufacturing Company, 120 Main street. Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, asking strike sanction against the Owl Drug Company stores. Boot and Shoe Repairers No. 320, inclosing copy of their new contract and thanking Secretary O'Connell and the San Francisco Labor Council for their valuable support.

Referred to the LABOR CLARION: Letter from the Gantner & Mattern Strike Committee, stating that the skilled workers originally engaged by this firm have not returned to work, and will not return to their jobs until their rights are won.

Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday evening, July 28, 1941.) Called to order at 8 o'clock by Vice-Chairman Haggerty. In the matter of the Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, and their request for strike sanction against the Wilson Estate, 350 Geary street, operators of 1401 Jones street, Brothers Dreyer and Sturgeon appeared before the committee and explained the difficulty they have been having with this employer; no representative of the employer was present, and your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of Optical Technicians and Workers No. 18791, requesting strike sanction against a number of optical firms in the city, both sides were represented; Mr. Storie of the San Francisco Employers' Council appeared on behalf of the employers involved; after considerable discussion, your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the president of the Council, with the request that he call an early meeting of the parties involved. Brothers Hare and Hurson represented Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250 and presented their new agreement covering nurses in the Southern Pacific hospital; your committee recom-

mends that this agreement be approved, with the usual admonition. Meeting adjourned at 11 p. m. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted.

Special Committee Report—Brother Vandeleur gave a résumé of activities on the "hot cargo" referendum petitions, in substance as follows: During the week 73,000 signatures have been gathered in Los Angeles and San Francisco; we have to get a great number more. An office was opened at 1164 Market street, where one can go after working hours and sign the petition; then go home and advise your wife and ask her when she is down town to step into 1164 Market and sign the petition. This office will be open from 7 to 11 p. m. on Saturday night, and they will have a notary there. It will not cost a cent to have petitions notarized at the above-mentioned headquarters. We have about 600,000 workers in the State of California—we can certainly make a better showing than say 150,000 signatures. We should not admit anyone in the Labor Council unless he can produce a receipt that he is a registered voter. We should have 250,000 to 300,000 good signatures. They will accept petitions at the California State Federation of Labor office in the Flood Building, after being notarized. We should have a sufficient number of signed petitions by the 15th of this month, in order that we might make our showing, and do just as well as they are doing in Los Angeles.

Reports of Unions—Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers—Report that they are not making much progress in present restaurant dispute; are starting negotiations with the B & G Sandwich people. Upholsterers No. 28—Are endeavoring to organize Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company; have now signed contract with prevailing wage scales and one week's vacation; request the firm be taken off the unfair list. Web Pressmen No. 4—Announce that they have one man in charge of getting petitions signed. Electrical Workers No. 6—Have signed agreement with the motor houses of San Francisco; request support of all labor people working in these plants; demand the union button. Real Estate Salesmen—Have settled dispute with N. W. Anderson, builder.

Report of Joint Labor Day Committee—The report of this committee as published in the August 1 issue of the LABOR CLARION was read to the Council.

The chair declared a recess, awaiting report of the election committee, which was composed of the following delegates: Judges: A. C. Armstrong, A. Cancelli, J. H. Prevost and Henry Savin. Tellers: Laurence Bregante, John Byrnes, J. J. Fleming, Wendell Phillips, Arthur Hare, John Hill, Joseph Honey, Louis Molinari, Harold Perazzo and Larry Vail.

Report of Election Committee—(For delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention in September): 229 votes were cast; 29 votes voided. George Johns, Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, received 163 votes; George Kelly, Chauffeurs No. 265, received 194 votes; Charles Kindell, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, received 43 votes. Brothers Johns and Kelly, having received the highest number of votes, were declared elected.

New Business—Motion, that when we adjourn we do so in respect of the memory of Mrs. Emma O'Connell, wife of Secretary John A. O'Connell of the San Francisco Labor Council; also of Delegate J. P. Griffin, Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410; Delegate Louis Cordes, Butchers No. 115, and T. A. Rickert, general president of the United Garment Workers of North America; carried. Motion, that the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders be given credentials for speakers to address unions regarding their present restaurant difficulty; carried.

Receipts, \$571; expenses, \$489.26.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. JOHNS, Secretary *pro tem*.

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A.F.L. Issues Call for The Annual Convention

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has issued the official call for the annual convention of the Federation. The gathering will convene in Eagles' Auditorium, Seattle, on October 6, and continue in session until the business shall have been completed. The conventions usually continue over the greater part of two weeks.

Basis of Representation

Representation in the body for national and international organizations is based on their membership, ranging from one delegate for less than 4000 members to eight delegates for 256,000 or more members. Central labor councils, state federations, local trade unions not having a national or international union, and federal labor unions each are entitled to one delegate only.

Organizations, to be entitled to representation, must have obtained a certificate of affiliation (charter) at least one month prior to the convention; and no person will be recognized as a delegate who is not a member in good standing of the organization he is elected to represent.

Election of Delegates

Delegates must be elected at least two weeks previous to the convention and their names forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the A.F.L. The tax and assessments of an organization must have been paid in full to August 31 to entitle its delegate to a seat in the convention.

The committee on credentials will meet at the A.F.L. headquarters six days prior to opening of the convention and will report immediately upon the opening thereof at Seattle. Hence, secretaries of organizations will observe the necessity of mailing the duplicate credentials of their respective delegates at the earliest possible moment to Washington, D. C. The original credential should be given to the delegate-elect.

Time Limit on Resolutions

The provisions of the A.F.L. Constitution, Article III, Section 6, require all resolutions, petitions, memorials and appeals to be received by the secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, at headquarters in Washington, D. C., 30 days immediately preceding the opening of the convention; except in instances where such resolutions, petitions, memorials, appeals, etc., have been acted upon and approved at a regular convention of a national or international union or state federation of labor, held during this 30-day period, in which event such proposals shall be received up to five days prior to the convening date of the convention of the A.F.L.

Resolutions of state federations of labor must first have received the approval of the previous convention of the state federation of labor involved.

Resolutions of city central labor unions must first have received the approval of such central labor union at a regularly constituted meeting of the organization.

Unanimous Consent Required

Any resolutions or proposals received after the expiration of the time limits shall be referred to the A.F.L. executive council and the executive council shall refer all such proposals to the convention with the understanding that acceptance of such proposals is dependent upon the unanimous consent of the convention.

Any or all proposals emanating from directly affiliated local trade and federal labor unions shall be referred to the A.F.L. executive council for considera-

tion and disposition. The executive council shall in turn advise the convention of the disposition made of such proposal or proposals.

Three copies of each resolution or proposal should be furnished.

Consideration of Grievances

Under the law no grievance may be considered by the convention which has been decided by a previous convention, except upon the recommendation of the A.F.L. executive council, nor will any grievance be considered where the parties thereto have not themselves previously held conference and attempted to adjust the same.

Hotel Accommodations

Headquarters of the A.F.L. executive council in Seattle will be at the Hotel Olympic. Other hotels printed in the convention call (also giving room rates) are: The Camlin, Benjamin Franklin, New Washington, Exeter, Gowman, Claremont, Mayflower, Roosevelt, Vance, Frye, St. Regis, New Richmond, Waldorf, Hungerford, Spring Apartments and Senator Apartments.

Hotel reservations may be made by addressing Claude O'Reilly, president of the Central Labor Council, Seattle. Inquiries in reference to railroad rates should be made of local ticket agents.

In appealing to organizations to be represented in the convention, the executive council call states, in part:

Executive Council Appeal

"Great changes have taken place during the past year in both the relation of industry and of labor to the Government. These changes are directly traceable to the national emergency referred to by the President in his proclamation of May 27, 1941.

"As a result of this, the older problems which we have grappled with at annual conventions have become intensified and increased through the addition of newer problems which have arisen out of the existing national emergency and which must be faced and dealt with at the Seattle convention. ***

"Those who attend the convention must review the experiences of the past year, deal with the economic, social and industrial facts as they are presented in a constructive way and prepare to face the future resolutely determined to protect our liberties, our free institutions, our democratic form of government and all the rights of labor which the American Federation of Labor has jealously guarded and protected for three-quarters of a century. The workers of the nation are relying more than ever before upon the instrumentality of the American Federation of Labor to protect their economic rights, to lift their standards of life and living to higher levels, and to protect them against exploitation and regimentation such as has been imposed upon workers in other lands."

A.F.L. AUTO WORKERS

Local Union No. 674 of the Automobile Workers of America (A.F.L.) gained an exclusive bargaining contract with the Ypsilanti (Mich.) plant of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Company providing for a general wage increase of 10 cents per hour to all hourly employees and an increase of five cents per hour for all employees on the bonus system with the provision that negotiations are to be entered into immediately to revise the present bonus system which will result in added compensation to this group of workers.

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Union Officials Join in Presenting MRA Program

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Dale Reed, president of Aeronautical Mechanics' Lodge 727, I.A.M., and John McCabe, president of the Lockheed Employees' Recreation Club, introduced the show following addresses of welcome by the mayors of Glendale and Burbank. William R. Campbell, business representative of Bay Area Local 491, Structural Shopmen's Union, flew from San Francisco to take part in the proceedings, and forwarded a report of the event to this paper. Also present were other officials of the Aeromechanics and Operating Engineers' unions.

Arranged jointly by Lockheed and union officials, the presentation of the show followed closely on the purchase and distribution of 33,000 copies of the "Moral Re-Armament" defense handbook, "You Can Defend America," on which the show is based.

Telegrams from labor and management in the Northwest and in San Francisco revealed the coastwise significance of the event. Steel fabrication plant executives in six San Francisco Bay area plants wired their congratulations and stated that the local employer group had worked with the Structural Shopmen's Union in distributing the "You Can Defend America" handbook in plants in this territory. From Seattle, Wallace Galbraith of the executive board of the Blacksmiths' Union joined with members of the Plumbers' and Boeing Aeromechanics' locals in wiring best wishes. Campbell reported from San Francisco increasing understanding and teamwork between labor and management in this area as a result of the work of MRA.

In reporting upon the success of the Glendale performance, Campbell further said: "The revue, in eight colorful scenes with song, dance, skit and pageantry, provides the audience with plenty of laughs, and many left the hall humming the catchy tunes of the show. It was a new and successful way of showing each man and woman how to build morale starting at home and on the job."

WINDOW CLEANERS NOMINATE

The annual election of Window Cleaners' Union No. 44 will be held August 28. Edmund Waddell has been nominated for re-election as secretary, without opposition. Nominees for president are Mark Anglin and J. W. Tremper, and for business agent Anthony Borsella, G. Sibert and Al Johnson. Nominations will be re-opened at the meeting of the union on August 14.

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Central Body Declares "Paris Garters" Unfair

The Chicago Federation of Labor, with the authorization of the American Federation of Labor, has placed on its "Unfair—Do Not Patronize" list, the firm of A. Stein & Company, 1149 West Congress street, Chicago. This concern manufactures various kinds of garters, suspenders, belts, etc., but is best known throughout the country under the trade names of "Paris Garters" and "Glass-Tex Belts." A communication from officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor explains the controversy with the firm, as follows:

"Novelty Workers' Union No. 44 carried on a peaceful but effective organizational campaign in the plant of A. Stein & Company. In answer to the union's request for a conference, the firm discharged ten of the most active members of the union and threatened to discharge every employee who dared to join the union. Furthermore, A. Stein & Company proceeded to set up a 'company union,' forcing all of its 700 members to join it and arbitrarily deducting \$1 a month from the wages of each employee for dues.

"Despite the labor-baiting tactics of A. Stein & Company, the union decided at this time not to be provoked into a strike which would involve one thousand persons, but to make use of all the co-operation and support that organized labor can give through its purchasing power to bring pressure to bear on the company to force it to live up to the laws of this land. The matter is now in the hands of the National Labor Relations Board for consideration and action."

The Chicago Federation is therefore appealing to union organizations for aid in its campaign against the products of the firm, asking that these products be declared unfair and that the Stein Company be notified of such action.

Labor Council Baseball League

In the San Francisco Labor Council Baseball League games last Sunday, Teamsters No. 85 downed the Warehousemen, 7 to 5, at Seals' Stadium, with the opposing pitchers allowing eight hits each. These two teams and the Commission Market Drivers are now tied for League leadership, each having won three games and lost one.

The Production Machinists defeated the Commission Market Drivers, 10 to 1, and had 14 hits to their opponents' 6.

Building Service Employees No. 87, with 11 runs, administered a shutout to the Retail Delivery Drivers, and collected 10 hits against 6 for the Drivers.

At the Harrison Street grounds next Sunday the contests will be as follows: At 10 a. m.—Warehousemen vs. Commission Market Drivers. At 12:30 p. m.—Building Service Employees vs. Teamsters. At 2:30 p. m.—Production Machinists vs. Retail Delivery Drivers.

ARMORED CAR CHAUFFEURS

Weekly wage increases of \$2 to New York chauffeurs and guards, affiliated with the Teamsters Union (A.F.L.), working 42 hours a week on armored trucks and \$1.88 a week to those on a 40-hour week were granted by the arbitrator of the trucking industry.

TRAFFIC TOLL MOUNTS

The traffic toll in the United States for the first six months of this year was 16,810, the National Safety Council reports. This was 2390 more than the total of 14,420 for the same period last year—an increase of 17 per cent.

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BEGINNERS' SPANISH COURSE

The Girls Club and Mission Community Center, 362 Capp street, is featuring a beginners' Spanish course, under expert instruction. This class meets each Thursday at 1 o'clock. Early registration is advisable.

SEASON'S FIRST SARDINE CATCH

Eleven boats operating for the San Francisco Sardine Association brought in some 800,000 pounds of sardines Monday in the season's second night of fishing. There was little fishing on opening night because of bad weather.

CITY W.P.A. ROLLS DECREASE

Employment on city-sponsored W.P.A. projects is reported at the lowest point since the inception of the work relief program in San Francisco in 1935. Administrative Officer Brooks announces that at present there are 488 construction and 892 white collar workers on the 25 projects in the city.

Non-Profit Hospital Plans Permissible in 29 States

Non-profit hospital service plans, which make it easier for people with small income to provide hospitalization for themselves and their families, were made permissible this year by the legislatures of Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Carolina, bringing to twenty-nine the number of states recognizing the plans as "insurance," the American Public Welfare Association reports.

Under most of the hospital insurance plans in operation one person, for approximately \$9 a year, may receive up to three weeks' hospitalization in any of a number of approved institutions. For about \$25 a year a man and his wife and one child are covered, and for slightly more, a family of any size.

The first law which brought non-profit medical indemnity corporations under state insurance departments was enacted in New York, in 1934. During the next five or six years action was taken by a number of other states, including California. In some states the voluntary hospital care plans are operating under the general corporation laws.

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Fast Building Methods on Defense Workers' Homes

Due to urgings for greater speed in the construction of homes for defense workers, contractors have developed fast construction methods unique in residential building, Nathan Straus, administrator of the United States Housing Authority, announces.

One development is what builders call "site assembly," a process by which factory production methods are instituted right on the ground.

Platform Center of Work

The site assembly technique has been so developed in the building of a 538-home project at Newport, R. I., that whole roofs, complete with shingles, are built on the ground and swung into place by cranes.

The system, as used at Newport, revolves around a long platform equipped with "jigs" and other devices for laying out frames of whole walls, the lumber having been previously cut to exact size in a plant near one end of the platform.

The patterns on the platform are designed to provide openings for doors and windows, thus eliminating the necessity for cutting and fitting after the wall frames are erected as is done under conventional methods.

Walls Hoisted in Place

After the wall frames leave the platform they are taken by truck to the site of a house and laid out on the floor. Sidings are nailed on and windows installed before the walls are raised into place. A feature of the plan includes the use of large hinges, fastened to the flooring and the walls to permit easy hoisting of the wall and at the same time keeping it securely in position. The wall is then nailed in place and the hinge removed to be used elsewhere.

Similar methods are used in the preparation and installation of smaller items that go into the structure as well as in the finishing of interiors.

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"We Don't Patronize" List

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it:

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 119 Kearny.
A. Desenfant & Co., manufacturing jewelers, 150 Post.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Avenue Hotel, 419 Golden Gate.
Becker Distributing Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
Beauty Shops at 133 Geary (except Isabelle Salon de Beaute).
Bruce, E. L. Company, Inc., flooring, 99 San Bruno Ave.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quong, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co., (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Golden State Bakers, 1840 Polk.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 Sixteenth Street.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workmen's clothing.
Howard Automobile Company.
John Breuner Company.
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
Magazines "Time" and "Life," products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).

M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.
Montgomery Ward Company, Oakland.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo avenue, Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
W. & J. Sloane.
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union, Local No. 93, are unfair.
Locksmith shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.